

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE:<br><br>QWEST CORPORATION | DOCKET NO. TF-03-201<br>(FCU-03-24) |
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

(Issued July 18, 2003)

On June 13, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed proposed modifications to its Signaling System No. 7 (SS7) message charges in its Iowa intrastate access tariff with the Utility Board (Board). Qwest's SS7 message charges are currently in dispute in Docket No. FCU-03-24. It appears that the filing identified as TF-03-201 was made in response to the complaint identified as Docket No. FCU-03-24.

On July 2, 2003, U.S. Cellular Corporation, Cox Iowa Telcom, LLC, and Illuminet, Inc. (collectively, Complainants), filed objections and a request to docket the tariff filing for further investigation. Complainants indicated they were in discussions with Qwest to work through the issues, but that it was unlikely that full agreement could be accomplished before the Board's deadline to docket the tariff filing.

The Board issued an order docketing the tariff on July 11, 2003, and ordered the parties to Docket Nos. TF-03-201 and FCU-03-24 to file a report by August 11, 2003, defining any outstanding issues remaining in either docket.

On July 16, 2003, the Complainants filed a conditional withdrawal of objections regarding the SS7 tariff filing. According to the filing, Complainants state that Qwest has provided written confirmation of the Complainants' interpretation regarding Qwest's intended administration of the tariff revisions and Qwest is considering further tariff revisions suggested by the Complainants. The Complainants now believe the public interest will be served by allowing the tariff to become effective as originally scheduled on July 21, 2003.

The Complainants indicate in the July 16, 2003, filing that this conditional withdrawal of objection to the SS7 tariff assumes that the complaint identified as Docket No. FCU-03-24 will remain open to resolve any remaining issues regarding Qwest's past and future actions.

The Board finds that the public interest can best be served by allowing the SS7 tariff to become effective on July 21, 2003, as originally proposed by Qwest. The Board's approval of this tariff filing does not change the status of Docket No. FCU-03-24. That docket remains open and both Qwest and the Complainants are to file reports by August 11, 2003, defining any outstanding issues remaining. The Board will determine an appropriate procedural schedule once the issues have been identified.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The proposed tariff filed by Qwest Corporation June 13, 2003, identified as TF-03-201, is approved, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of July, 2003.